

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 6, as follows:

- Figure 6 is a fragmentary diagrammatic axial section view of a variant embodiment of the invention, the turbine casing having a cylindrical inside surface; and

- Figure 7 is a fragmentary diagrammatic axial section view of another variant embodiment of the invention, the turbine casing having a divergent inside surface.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 26, as follows:

The plates 30 forming the radially outer portions of the stubs 26 may occupy a greater or lesser extent relative to the dimensions of the tips of the blades 10, and where necessary the plates 30 could include reinforcement 31, e.g. made of metal, for stiffening purposes.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 32, as follows:

For mounting purposes, the stubs 26 may be held on the tips of the blades by adhesive 42 or by a tie such as a hoop or a band 40 surrounding the stubs 26 and the ring of blades.